

THE OFFICE ACTION**Remarks/Arguments**

The Office Action dated July 12, 2004 has been carefully considered. In reply, and as set forth more fully hereinafter, applicants have amended the claims, specification and drawings to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants believe the application to be in condition for allowance in view of these amendments, whereby reconsideration and allowance is respectfully solicited.

With regard first to the drawings, and as shown in the Replacement Sheets and Annotated Sheets submitted herewith, Figures 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 have been amended to show openings 116a extending through the projections 116. It is respectfully submitted that such amendments do not introduce any new matter and that the projections having openings therethrough is clearly set forth in the specification at page 6, lines 26-36. With regard to the latter description, numeral 116a is introduced for identifying the openings.

With further regard to the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 6 at line 37 and continuing to page 7, line 14 is amended to provide consistency with respect to the description of the "projections" 116.

With regard to the claims, claim 1 is amended to provide a proper antecedent basis for the recitation of a second face and to clarify that the apertures are through the protrusions. Similarly, claim 33 is amended to clarify that the openings extend through the polymer film from the inboard surface to the outboard surface and through protrusions extending from the outboard facing surface.

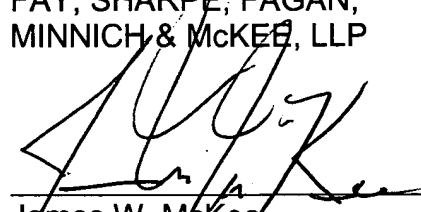
It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments of the specification, claims and drawings overcome the objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and do not introduce any new matter, whereby claims 1-16, 33 and 34 are allowable and place the

application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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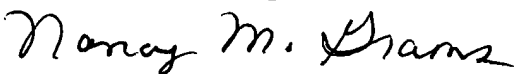
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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement sheets for Figures 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 are submitted herewith together with Annotated Sheets for the same figures showing the amendments in red ink.

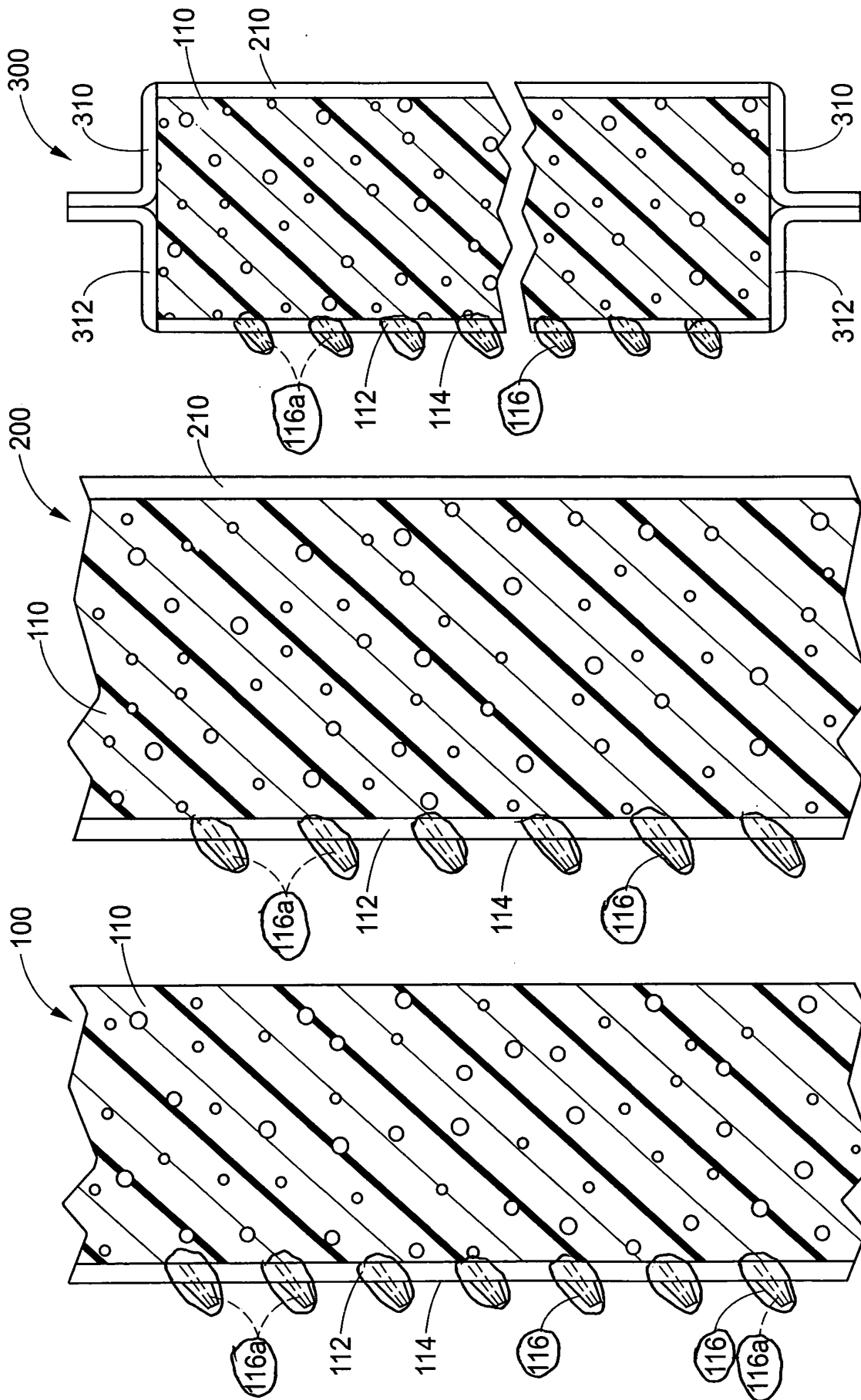
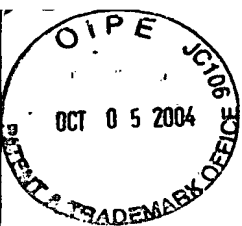


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

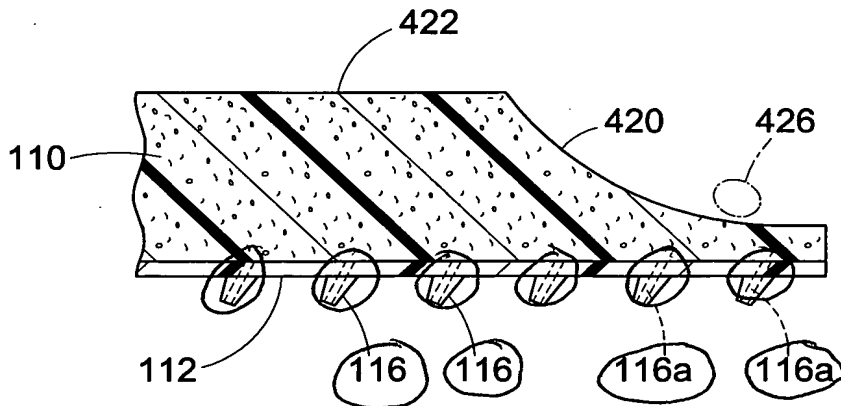
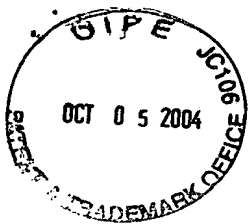


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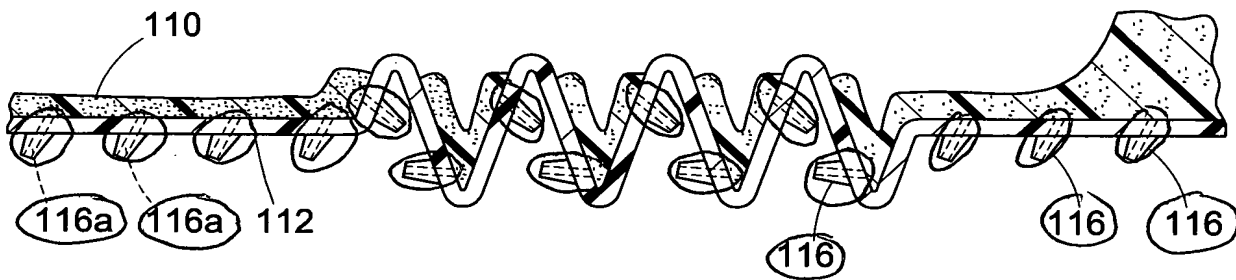


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